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FROM AF MOOSE TO AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL PRESS
REPORTS EMANATING FROM LONDON THAT THE US AND UK
GOVERNMENTS ARE PLANNING FOR A MASSIVE EVACUATION OF
WHITES FROM RHODESIA, IF THE SITUATION THERE DETERIORATES
RAPIDLY.

2. WE HAVE RESPONDED TO PRESS INQUIRIES ON THIS
MATTER ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- WE ARE NOT ENGAGED IN ANY SUCH PLANNING, EITHER
WITHIN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT OR IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

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-- WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY UNILATERAL PLANNING BY THE
BRITISH; AND

-- WE DO MAINTAIN CRISIS PLANS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION
AND CONCEIVABLE EVACUATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS REPEAT
AMERICAN CITIZENS FROM TROUBLED AREAS. THESE ARE

REVIEWED PERIODICALLY.

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO OFFER EMBASSY ANY ASSISTANCE NECESSARY IN REVIEWING E AND E PLAN FOR RHODESIA AND WILL WELCOME EMBASSY COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT PLAN, SUGGESTIONS FOR ITS IMPROVEMENT, OR OTHER THOUGHTS ON THIS ISSUE.

4. SENSITIVITY OF THIS TOPIC IS OBVIOUSLY GREAT AND I ASK THAT YOU DISCUSS MATTER ONLY WITH THOSE WITH ABSOLUTE NEED TO KNOW. CHRISTOPHER

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